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SUBJECT: IMCO: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRAINING AND
CERTIFICATION OF SEAFARERS (TCS), ARAB MINIS-
TERS OF TRANSPORT MEETING

1. IMCO SEC GEN SRIVASTAVA RECENTLY ATTENDED ARAB
MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT MEETING ON INVITATION SINCE
SEVERAL OF THE SUBJECTS MINISTERS WERE TAKING UP RE-
LATED TO IMCO'S WORK WITH ARAB MARITIME TRANSPORT
ACADEMY IN ALEXANDRIA. HOWEVER, DURING MEETING, MIN-
ISTER OF TRANSPORT OF IRAQ, ACCORDING TO SEC GEN, BROUGHT
UP MATTER OF JUNE TCS CONFERENCE AND EXPRESSED VIEW
THAT DEVELOPING ARAB AND LDC MERCHANT MARINE FLEETS,
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PARTICULARLY TANKERS, COULD NOT AFFORD THE HIGH STANDARDS
THAT WERE LIKELY TO BE IMPOSED BY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
IN THE CONFERENCE. HE CALLED FOR MEETINGS AMONG THE
ARAB STATES PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE TO DEVELOP A COMMON
POSITION. SRIVASTAVA REPORTS THAT HE FELT OBLIGED TO
INTERVENE IN THE DISCUSSION AND POINTED OUT THAT DRAFT
CONVENTION TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CONFERENCE HAD BEEN

EVOLVED AS A COMPROMISE AND THAT THE ISSUE WAS NOT
SIMPLY ONE OF HIGH STANDARDS.

2. SRIVASTAVA IS CONCERNED THAT TCS CONFERENCE MIGHT
TAKE ON A DC - LDC DIVISION. HE DOES NOT THINK IRAQI
TRANSPORT MINISTER WOULD HAVE BROUGHT THE MATTER UP IF
HE HAD NOT HAD A BRIEFING PAPER FROM HIS TECHNICAL AD-
VISERS. SRIVASTAVA BELIEVES COMPOSITION OF THIS CON-
FERENCE WILL BE MUCH DIFFERENT FROM FEBRUARY TANKER
SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION (TSPP) CONFERENCE. HE
EXPECTS MANY MORE AND MORE ACTIVE LDC DELEGATIONS. HE
BELIEVES THAT THE DEVELOPED MARITIME STATE DELEGATIONS
MUST WORK TO AVOID IMPRESSION THAT THEIR INTENTION IS
TO JACK UP STANDARDS TO A LEVEL TOO HIGH FOR LDCS. HE
HOPES THAT PRIOR TO AND DURING THE CONFERENCE THE MAJOR
MARITIME STATES LIKE THE U.S. WILL ATTEMPT TO ASSOCIATE
LDCS IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF THE ISSUES.

3. ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO PROTECT SECGEN SRIVAS-
TAVA AS SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON ARAB TRANSPORT MIN-
ISTERS MEETING. EMBASSY NOTES THAT IRAQ DELEGATIONS TO
NOVEMBER 1977 IMCO ASSEMBLY AND TO FEBRUARY TSPP CON-
FERENCE INCLUDED S.M. SALIH, UNDER-SEC MIN. OF TRANSPORT
T.N. AL-OMARI, DIRGEN, IRAQI OIL TANKER CO.; CAPT.
I.A.M. AMSO, DIR. MARINE NAVIGATION DEPT., ORGANIZATION
OF IRAQI PORTS; S. ANWAR, CHIEF ENG., ENTERPRISE FOR
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MARITIME TRANSPORT; I. AL-YITAYIM, DIR. FOREIGN RELA-
TIONS, MOT; J.H. AL-SHANOON, ENG. ORGANIZATION OF
IRAQI PORTS; AND K.A. ATTAR, LEGAL ADVISER, ORGANIZATION
FOR WATER TRANSPORT.

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